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SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT STORIES IN MORNING PRESS, FEB 21

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1. PETER OSNOS FROM MOSCOW IN WASHPOST  
"SOVIETS GIVE WARNING ON DISSIDENTS"

-- OSNOS REPORTS THAT THE USSR HAS FIRMLY WARNED THE CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION THAT SUPPORT FOR DISSIDENTS WILL HAVE NEG-  
ATIVE EFFECT ON RELATIONS.

-- MOSCOW SHOWS NO SIGNS OF EASING UP ON DISSIDENT CRACK-  
DOWN.

-- SOVIETS MAY BE HOPING FOR TONE DOWN OF SPECIFIC EXPRES-  
SIONS OF SUPPORT IN FAVOR OF GENERAL SUPPORT OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS, IN ORDER TO LET MATTER SIMMER UNTIL VANCE ARRIVES  
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IN MOSCOW.

-- SOME ANALYSTS FEEL CARTER AND ADVISERS MAY BE UNDER-  
ESTIMATING EXTENT SOVIETS RESENT EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE  
THEIR AUTHORITY.

-- MOSCOW IS LEAVING MATTER TO "OTHER SIDE."

2. STUART AUERBACH FROM DAMASCUS IN WASHPOST

"SYRIA TIGHTENS HOLD ON PLO"

AUERBACH REPORTS THAT SYRIA IS MOVING AGAINST PLO OFFICES AND TRAINING CAMPS THERE, ACCORDING TO "INFORMED SOURCES."

-- PLO SAYS SYRIA TRYING TO DISARM THEM.

-- SYRIANS PRESSURING PLO TO TAKE MORE MODERATE STAND AND ALSO ACHIEVING GOAL OF COLLECTING ALL HEAVY WEAPONS IN LEBANON.

3. EVANS AND NOVAK IN WASHPOST

"TWO HATS FOR WARNKE?"

EVANS AND NOVAK SAY THAT WHETHER WARNKE WILL BE FORCED TO GIVE UP ONE OF THE TWO JOBS WILL BE DETERMINED THIS WEEK IN TESTIMONY BEFORE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

-- WARNKE'S WORDS TO BE HURLED BACK AT HIM, AS NUNN AND JACKSON AWAIT HIM "WITH AMMUNITION."

-- EVANS AND NOVAK GO ON TO CITE INCONSISTENCIES IN WARNKE STATEMENTS.

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-- "SECONDARY" CONCERNS INCLUDE WARNKE'S OPPOSITION TO AWACS AND TRIDENT, BOTH SUPPORTED STRONGLY BY PRESIDENT, AND HIS 1974 HOPE TO HALT B-1, "NOW CONSIDERED LIKELY FOR CARTER APPROVAL."

4. JOHN LAWTON FROM ANKARA IN WASHPOST

"CLIFFORD MISSION COULD HURT CYPRUS ACCORD, SAY TURKISH OFFICIALS"

LAWTON REPORTS THAT CLIFFORD IS MEETING WITH A HOSTILE RECEPTION IN TURKEY.

-- TURKS FEEL MISSION COULD COMPLICATE A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT.

-- TURKS FEEL NEXT STEP IS TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO, WHICH WOULD REMOVE FOREIGN PRESSURE AND LEAVE TURKS FREER TO MAKE CONCESSIONS.

5. HEDRICK SMITH FROM WASHINGTON IN NEW YORK TIMES

"CARTER O PROPOSE DEFENSE FUND CUTS AS SIGNAL TO SOVIET"

SMITH CITES "AUTHORITATIVE ADMINISTRATION SOURCES" SAYING  
THAT DEFENSE SPENDING CUTS ARE INTENDED TO SIGNAL RESTRAINT  
TO MOSCOW AND SPUR SALT.

-- MOST SIGNIFICANT FOR SALT: B-1 STRETCH OUT; MX DEVELOPT  
SLOW DOWN; AND MINUTEMAN 3 PRODUCTION HALT.

-- CARTER BUDGET ALSO INCREASING FUNDS FOR IMPROVING  
FORCES IN WESTERN EUROPE.

-- SECRETARY BROWN FEELS NATION BETTER DEFENDED BY SMALLER  
FORCES BETTER EQUIPPED.

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6. NEW YORK TIMES FROM TEL AVIV

"CAMPAIGNERS FOR RABIN AND PERES SURE THEIR CANDIDATES  
WILL WIN"

-- BOTH CANDIDATES FEEL THEY HAVE THE ELECTION SEWED UP.

-- POLL SAYS LABOR PARTY WOULD LOSE MAY 17 ELECTION  
REGARDLESS, BUT RABIN WOULD BE BIGGER LOSER.

-- POLL SHOWS IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR RIGHT-WING PARTIES TO  
FORM COALITION FOR FIRST TIME.

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